

the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on May 11, 2015: Yeas 136, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2965 on May 28, 2015: Yeas 142, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 26, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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**PRESERVATION OF THE ALAMO COMPLEX AND  
SURROUNDING AREA AND TO THE ALAMO PRESERVATION  
ADVISORY BOARD**

**CHAPTER 1101**

H.B. No. 2968

**AN ACT**

**relating to the preservation of the Alamo complex and surrounding area and to the  
Alamo Preservation Advisory Board.**

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 31, Natural Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 31.450 to read as follows:

*Sec. 31.450. FINDINGS; MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. (a) The legislature finds that:*

- (1) the Alamo has played an important role in the history of this state and continues to be a symbol of liberty and freedom for this state;*
- (2) this state wants to honor the individuals whose lives were lost at the Alamo;*
- (3) the entire history of the Alamo, from the time the Alamo was established as a mission until the present, should be recognized; and*
- (4) the Alamo is a world-class destination that provides a place of remembrance and education.*

*(b) The land office shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of San Antonio to coordinate the planning and development of improvements to the Alamo complex and the area immediately surrounding the complex.*

SECTION 2. Sections 31.455(a) and (b), Natural Resources Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The land office may establish an Alamo Preservation Advisory Board to provide advice, proposals, and recommendations to:

- (1) promote the development of a world-class site to educate visitors on the history and importance of the Alamo in this state's fight for independence and to honor the people who lost their lives at the Alamo;*
- (2) promote and support the Alamo complex;*
- (3) [(2)] provide the resources and support necessary to advance the understanding and education of current and future generations on the historical significance and factual record of the Alamo complex;*
- (4) [(3)] inspire virtues of honor and Texas pride;*
- (5) [(4)] preserve the memory and achievement of individuals who served at the Alamo and provide a fitting tribute to the heroism of the people who paid the ultimate*

sacrifice for freedom and of the noble men and women of this state who have served in the armed forces or died while serving in the armed forces to ensure the freedom of the people of this state;

(6) *provide educational and museum facilities* [~~(5) promote and provide~~] for the preservation, perpetuation, appropriate publication, and display of manuscripts, books, relics, pictures, oral histories, and all other items and information related to the history of the Alamo complex and of this state that preserve the historical character of the Alamo shrine; and

(7) [~~(6)~~] promote, counsel, and provide support to governmental and private organizations that are committed to objectives similar to the objectives described in this subsection.

(b) The advisory board is composed of:

(1) the commissioner or the commissioner's designee, who serves as the presiding officer of the advisory board;

(2) a designee appointed by the governor;

(3) *a representative of the Alamo Endowment, appointed by the commissioner* [~~the president general of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas~~];

(4) *the director of the Alamo* [~~current Alamo chairperson of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas~~];

(5) [~~the immediate past Alamo chairperson of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas~~];

[~~(6)~~] the Alamo curator;

(6) [~~(7)~~] one representative of the Texas Historical Commission;

(7) *a designee appointed by the county judge of* [~~(8) the president of the~~] Bexar County [~~Historical Commission~~]; [and]

(8) *a designee appointed by the mayor* [~~(9) one representative who serves as a member~~] of the City of San Antonio; [~~Office of Historic Preservation~~]

(9) *a designee appointed by the commissioner representing the local travel and tourism industry and the businesses and landholders from the area immediately surrounding the Alamo complex*;

(10) *one member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives*; and

(11) *one senator appointed by the lieutenant governor*.

SECTION 3. (a) The term of a member serving on the Alamo Preservation Advisory Board immediately before the effective date of this Act whose position on the board is abolished by the changes in law made by this Act expires on the effective date of this Act.

(b) As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, each appointing official shall appoint members to the Alamo Preservation Advisory Board as required by Section 31.455, Natural Resources Code, as amended by this Act.

(c) As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the General Land Office shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of San Antonio as required by Section 31.450(b), Natural Resources Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on May 5, 2015: Yeas 132, Nays 13, 2 present, not voting; the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2968 on May 28, 2015, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 2968 on May 31, 2015: Yeas 124, Nays 19, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 25, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to

consider the differences between the two houses; the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 2968 on May 30, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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## SYSTEMS AND PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF TEXAS

### CHAPTER 1102

H.B. No. 2974

#### AN ACT

relating to the systems and programs administered by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Sections 821.001(4) and (6), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(4) "Annual compensation" means the compensation to a member of the retirement system for service during a *12-month period determined by the retirement system [school year]* that is reportable and subject to contributions as provided by Section 822.201.

(6) "Employee" means a person who is employed, as determined by the retirement system, on other than a temporary basis by *a single [an]* employer for at least one-half time at a regular rate of pay comparable to that of other persons employed in similar positions.

SECTION 2. Section 822.001, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

*(c) Membership in the retirement system may only be established through employment with a single employer on at least a half-time basis.*

SECTION 3. Section 822.003(c), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) A person does not terminate membership under Subsection (a)(4) if the person:

- (1) is performing military service creditable in the retirement system;
- (2) is on leave of absence from employment in a public school; ~~or~~
- (3) is earning service credit in another retirement system covered by Chapter 803 or 805; *or*

*(4) is employed by an employer covered by the retirement system and is not eligible for membership in the retirement system because the person is employed on less than a half-time basis.*

SECTION 4. Section 822.005(c), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) A person is not entitled to withdraw contributions *if the person [who]* is employed, has applied for employment, or has received a promise of employment *with an employer [in a position]* covered by the retirement system.

SECTION 5. Section 823.401, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (f) and adding Subsection (f-1) to read as follows:

(f) *Except as provided by Subsection (f-1), the [The]* amount of service credit a member may establish under this section may not exceed the lesser of the number of years of membership service credit the member has in the retirement system for actual service in public schools or 15 years.

*(f-1) A member may not purchase more than five years of service credit under this sec-*